TWO CENTS.

# FIGHTING

# IN CHINA

Chinese Rebels Are Defeated in an Engagement with the Imperial Troops.

#### DEMANDS OF MINISTERS

They Unanimously Recognize the Necessity for Insisting Upon the Death of All the Instigators of the Rebellion-Proof Is Received in St. Petersburg That 400 Native Christians Were Massacred at Nunkden-Earl Li's Diplomacy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Oct. 28 .- A special dispatch from Shanghai says that a battle was fought between Imperial troops and rebels on October 23, and that the rebels were ultimately routed, six hundred of them being slaughtered.

Paris, Oct. 28.-According to a dis patch from Tien-Tsin, a Russo-German detachment is preparing to attack ten thousand Boxers and disbanded regulars southeast of Tung-

A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Pekin, dated October 27, says the ministers held a second meeting today to examine M. Delcasse's proposal, and they unanimously recognized the necessity for demanding the death of all the instigators of the rebellion.

There is reason to believe, the dispatch adds, that if the ministers insist, and satisfaction be obtained, no reply will be made to the last note of Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.-Dispatches from Mukden received at the war office say that proof is at hand that four hundred native Christians were massacred at Mukden before the Russian occupation. Fifty modern guns, mainly Krupps; several thousand small calibre rifles and 20,000,000 cartridges have been found.

Hong Kong, Oct. 28 .- The Chinese Mutual Protection society of the Hoi-Ping district has offered \$500 for the head of Dr. Sager, of the American board of missions, and \$300 each for the heads of the Rev. S. G. Tope, a Bris Wesleyan missionary; Dr. Grave, a Southern Baptist missionery, and Dr. Beattle, of the American Presbyferian board. The placards say the heads must not be secured in Hol-Ping. The magistrate of that district edly anti-foreign, and inst posting of the placards. Protection has been guaranteed by placards to all who destroy the property of the mission-

aries or of converts. Rome, Oct. 28 .- The Peking correspondent of the Messagero cables the report of an interview with Li Hung Chang, in the course of which the latfor deplored the rebellion and said that China would have to submit to punishment soon for the grave faults of a Few thousand rebels. Now that peace is almost concluded, he hoped the powers would appreciate China's desire to give just satisfaction, and would withdraw their troops as soon as possible. Earl Li spoke with enthusiasm of the resumption of commercial relations. The impression of the Messagero's correspondent is that Li Hung Chang is fully aware of the disagreement among the allies, and that this constitutes his

## ACCUSED OF COWARDICE.

Minister Conger Makes Charges Against an Officer of Marines in Pekin. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 27 .- Minister Conger has preferred charges of cowardice against Captain N. T. Hall, of the marine corps, the second in command of the marine force at Pekin during the slege. The details are closely guarded, the regulations of the war and navy department strictly forbidding publicity at this stage. It is understood, however, that Mr. Conger questioned Mr. Hall's courage because of the latter's declination to carry out certain military operations suggested by the minister. The charges, in the ordinary course of affairs, passed into the hands of General Chaffee, the commander in chief of the forces in China. who examined them, made an inquiry on his own account, and then, concluding that the whole matter rested on the difference of judgment between the minister and the captain, sent the papers to Washington, with a recommendation that no further proceedings be had, a finding vindicating the cap-

From the war department the papers went to the navy department, and after some consideration it was determined that the high morale of the marine corps required the most formal and complete acquittal of an accused officer from such a charge, in order that he might not in after years suffer from its repetition. Consequently, the papers were referred to General Heywood, the commandant of the marine corps, who is taking steps to have a thorough investigation made by a proper court.

It happens that the only report the conduct of the marines at Pekin to reach the department was from Captain Hall, the senior officer, Captain Miles, being too ill to report.

# LEDGER COAL ARTICLE.

Brisk Season Is Anticipated When the Mines Resume.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Philadelphia, Oct. 28.-The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say: The anthracite coal trade is everywhere preparing for the resumption of this week, and a brisk season at full working is anticipated at the mines. It will take several days to Etruria (from Liveropol), New York.

get everything in good moving order, but once begun a prosperous winter is evidently in store for the anthracite

"The market is quite bare of coal and there is a rush of orders to be filled, so that enormous quantities will be sent to market at the earliest op-portunity, every available car being now sought to send to the breakers. Prices are expected to be fully main-tained, and while a few operators may still stand out, it is probable that adjustments will soon be made with them so that the collieries will also start, and full working be universal throughout the anthracite fields.

#### DR. TOWNSEND ON THE PATERSON MYSTERY

He Makes a Statement That Throws More Light Upon the Sad Fate of Jennie Bosschieter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 28 .- It is now said in Paterson, N. J., that the present grand jury will take up the inquiry into the death of Jennie Bosschieter, for whose murder McAllister, Death, Campbell and Kerr are confined in jail. Whereas statements have appeared tending to show that there would likely be a delay by the authorities, it is now given out that the investigation is to be pushed vigorously. Dr. Townsend, who refused to appear on the witness stand yesterday, will appear at the inquest next Tuesday night. His reason for not answering the subpoena was an order from the authorities to testify regarding the visit of the prisoners to him on the night of the murder. Dr. Townsend now makes the following statement of the midnight call and

his connection with the case: "It has been stated that the four men made two calls at my office and that the girl was alive when the carriage first arrived. They came but once and it was too late to render any aid to the unfortunate. I am positive of the exact time of their arrival, because when the bell rang at the head of the bed I looked at the clock on the mantel and saw it was 2 o'clock. Through the speaking tube I inquired the cause of the summons and was told at 150. there had been an accident and was asked to come at once. Through the tube I asked particulars and was met with the word that the patient was in a carriage at the door. It was cold, but I waited only to don a bath-robe and went down stairs. When the door opened two men, whom I knew as George Kerr and Walter Me-

told that a young woman had been hurt and both men declared that they would carry her in. "But without further parley, I brushed past them and went out to he carriage. It was a two-seated rig that I had often seen at the Erie depot. I did not see the hackman. There were two men standing at the curb near the door of the carriage, 1 knew Campbell by sight. Inside carriage, on a rear seat, a young woman was half seated, half lying across the back of the seat. Her head lay sideways across her breast. I lifted her head and laid it back gently. It was limp and lifeless. The clothing was disarranged, the hair hanging about her neck and shoulders. Her waist had been loosened and only the two top buttons of the waist were buttoned. There was no pulse. The heart beat had been stilled.

l was

"When I climbed into the rig to make a closer examination, four men gathered at the side of the carriage. Their faces were white and they looked a question. The body was cold. 'Boys, said to them, I can do nothing, she is dead.' They seemed to draw back. and were all together when I stepped within the door and left them in con ference at the curb. It was five minutes after two when I returned upstairs."

Dr. Townsend said the men had insisted that the woman should be taken into his office, even after she was pronounced dead. Early the next day be saw the account of the finding of the body of Jennie Bosschieter near Waga-

raw bridge. During his examination of the young woman in the carriage it had been too dark to distinguish the features, and the circumstances of the position of the body with the gash in the back of the head and the fractured skull, reported in the autopsy, added to the

mystery. On Friday afternoon he decided ! seek the advice of professional friends who were made acquainted with the full details. When it appeared that the cases were identical, the author-Ities were notified. Dr. Townsend visited the chief of police and gave the information in his possession, and the arrest of Schultorpe, Kerr, McAlister Death and Campbell followed.

## WOOLLEY'S SPECIAL TRAIN.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Albany, N. Y., Oct. 28 .- The Prohibition ape cial train with John G. Woolley and part oard, rested on a siding at Saratoga today. til 2.45 this afternoon when it was attached to the rear of a regular train arriving at Albany Mr. and Mrs. Woolley were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Alida Cole, of Saratoga, party went to Herkimer tonight, seven stops are scheduled tomerrow.

## ROOSEVELT AT BINGHAMTON.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Binghamton, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Governor Roosevelt spent the day very quietly here taking a long drive with Mrs. Roosevelt during the day and going to the Episcopal church in the even trip tomorrow includes but three stops, Cortland, where the party stays for one hour; Ithaca, where a three hours' stop will be made, and Elmira, where the party stays for the

## STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Ponta Fermia. Oct. 28.-Passed: Aller, New Yerk for Gibraitar, Naples and Genoa. Ant-werp—Arrived: Westernland, New York. Havre— Sailed: La Touraine, New York. Southamp-ton—Sailed: Deutschland (from Hamburg), Cherbourg and New York. Queenstown—Sailed:

# WHITE MAN IN COMMAND

Gaptain Beigler'a Men Have a Desperate Encounter with a Body of Filipinos Near Loog.

#### **AMERICANS FORCED BACK**

They Retire Before Overwhelming Numbers of Insurgents-David Fagin, Now a General in the Filipine Army, Sends Threatening Messages to His Old Comrades.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Manila, Oct. 28 .- While scouting near Looe a detachment of the Twentieta and Twenty-eighth regiments, under Captain Beigler, were attacked by 400 insurgents armed with rifles, under the command of a white man whose nationality is not known to the Americans. The insurgents for the most part were entrenched.

After an heroic fight Captain Beigler drove off the enemy, killing more than seventy-five. The fight lasted for two hours. Captain Beigler and three privates were slightly wounded, and two of the Americans were killed,

An engagement took place Oct. 24 cavalry and the Thirty-third volunteer infantry, numbering sixty, and a force of insurgents including 400 riflemen and 1,000 bolomen. The fighting was desperate. Finally, under the pressure of overwhelming numbers, the Americans were compelled to retire on Nar-

Lieutenant George L. Febeger and four privates were killed, nine were wounded and four are missing. Twenty-nine horses are missing. A number of teamsters were captured by the insurgents, but were subsequently released. The enemy's loss is estimated

A civilian launch towing a barge loaded with merchandise, near Arayat, was attacked by a force of 150 insurgents under David Fagin. The American troops, on hearing the firing. turned out in force before the boat could be looted and re-captured it. Fagin, who holds the rank of general among the insurgents, has sworn spe-Allister, quickly stepped inside. Then cial enmity toward his former company. Of the twenty men he captured a month ago, seven have returned. One was killed in a fight, his body being horribly mutilated. Fagin sends messages to his former comrades threatening them with violence if they become his prisoners. It was Fagin's men who captured Lieutenant Frank W. Alstaetter, who is still a prisoner.

## Hall's Expedition.

General Hall's expedition, with a force of nearly 800 men, through the mountains to Binangonar, province of Infanta, in pursuit of the insurgent general Cailles, although it discovered no trace of the enemy, encountered great hardships on the march. Twenty Chinese porters died and forty men were sent into the hospital. After stationing a garrison of 250 men in Binaugonan and visiting Polillo island, off the coast of Infanta province, General Hall and the rest of his force embarked there on the transport Gar-

Reports from General Young's district show a daily increase of insurgents there, owing to the fact that recruits are going thither from the towns.

While a detail of the Thirty-third Volunteer infantry was returning from Bangued on rafts, it was fired upon by insurgents, Sergeant Berdstaller being killed and two privates wounded.

## Chapelle Welcomed.

Archbishop Chapelle, who recently left Manila, accompanied by several friars, for the northern district of Luzon, under conditions that aroused the suspicions of the Filipinos here that he intended to establish the friars in parishes there, was warmly welcomed on his arrival at Dagupan. As two years have elapsed since an opportunity for baptism had been presented, more than 2,500 persons have been baptized. In of the protest of the parish against the appointment of a friar as parish priest, Monsignor Chapelle did not attempt to make it.

## NO RESUMPTION AT MILNESVILLE

Officials Cannot Afford to Pay the Ten Per Cent. Increase in Wages. Demands of Railroad Men.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazleton, Oct. 28.-The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, operating the Audenried, Honeybrook and Green Mountain collieries in this district, has not yet complied with the demands of the anthracite miners. It is said that the company will grant the concessions by Nov. 1, when work will be resumed. There will be no resumption of work at the Milnesville colliery, which is operated by the A. S. Van Wyckle estate. Owing to an agreement with the Pennsylvania railroad the officials say they cannot atford to grant an increase of ten per cent, and if the men return to work they will have to be contented with the old rate of wages. The Van Wyekle company has granted the increase at its other collieries at Coleraine and Reaver Meadow. It is said that Calvin Pardee, owner of the Lattimer mines, vill not take back those men who struck before the mines were closed fown by 800 marchers some weeks ago. The firemen and brakemen on Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill railroad have submitted a number of demands to the railroad officials. The former demand that thirty hours con-

stitute three shifts and that they be paid \$7 for the same, instead of \$5.10, which they receive at present. The brakemen demand an increase of 10 per cent, in their wages. The engi-neers have no grievances. This railroad is owned by Coxe Bros. which operates six collieries in this region and was built for the purpose of hauling coal from its mines to the tracks of the Lehigh Valley railroad,

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Held in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 28 .- A union service in memory of the Presbyterian missionaries who were killed at Paoting Fu on June 30 last was held today at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church. The missionaries so remembered were George Yardley Taylor, M. D., Courtlandt Van Rensaeler Hodge, M. D., and Mrs. Hodge and the Rev and Mrs. Frank E. Simcox and their

three little children. James Hodge, Jr., of this city, a cousin of the late Dr. Hodge, was present at the services. Five Presbyterian clergymen took part in the exercises, the Rev. Dr. George T. Pur ves, pastor of the church; the Rev Dr. Howard Agnew Johnson, the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, one of the secretaries of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, and the Rev. Maltble D. Babcock were present.

#### FOUR CHILDREN ARE DROWNED

between detachments of the Third The Fatal Ending of a Boat Ride in Sandusky Bay, Near Port Clinton.

> By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Port Clinton, O., Oct. 28 .- A quadcuple drowning occurred near Plasterbed, on Sandusky bay, eight miles east of here, this evening. The drowned are: Douglas Stark, aged three years; George Stark, aged five years; Alfred Stark, aged eight years: Henry Stark, aged thirteen years. They were the children of William Stark.

Mr. Stark and the children went for boat ride this afternoon. On return ing to shore the boat became fouled in a fish nound net and the oarsman ened and, leaning over the side of the small craft, it capsized, resulting it the four deaths by drowning.

Mr. Stark came here from Toledo three weeks ago. He then had a fam-ivl of a wife and ten children, Last ivt of a wife and ten children. Last week Harvey, aged four, died, and the week before another child, aged three months, also died.

## FATAL EXPLOSION OF GAS.

James B. Clark and Matthew Edwards Killed in Barnum Colliery. Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Special to the Scranton Tribune Pittston, Oct. 28 .-- A fatal mine explosion occurred in Barnum colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Upper Pittston, Saturday morning, resulting in the death of two men. victims are James B. Clarke, of Parsonage street, and Matthew M. Edwards, of West Pittston. Both men are employed as fire bosses at No. 3 colliery. The colliery has been idle ever since the strike commenced, but has been visited by the fire bosses every day. Saturday morning about 7.45 o'clock, Clark and Edwards went into the Pittston vein for the purpose of clearing away a small body of rock which had fallen on the main gangway. No gas was known to be in this vein, in fact none had been reported there for the past few years, and the men carried their naked lames, although Clark had a safety lamp in his pocket. As they entered a chamber to secure some miners' tools, a short time after being lowered into the mine, they suddenly came in contact with a body of gas and a terrific explosion followed, which shook the buildings about the head of the shaft. A rescuing party immediately entered the mine and a short time later found Edwards wandering through some old workings endeavoring to make his way to the foot of the shaft. He had been terribly burned. He was taken to his home on Wyoming avenue, and his injuries were not thought to be serious. The fire, however, had been inhaled, inflicting internal burns, and after much suffering death came to his relief on Sunday morning at 11.45 o'clock. wife was visiting in Scranton on Saturday and was unaware of the fatthat had befallen her husband until she arrived home at 5 o'clock that

evening. The rescuing party had considerable difficulty in finding Clark. The deadly after-damp was fast spreading through the mine and the work of rescue was slow, several of the rescuers being overcome by the fumes. It was about 11.30 when the body of Clark was found in the chamber where the explosion is thought to have occurred. Life was The body had been fairly extinct. coasted, and an ugly gash on the head showed where he had been struck when thrown by the force of the shock. Considerable damage was done to the mine by the explosion. Edwards was a married man, 45 years of age, and had lived here for twenty-six years, twenty of which he had been an employe at the colliery where he received his injuries. A wife, but no children. survive. The funeral will take place Tuesday at 2.30 o'clock. Clark was a widower with four grown-up children. and was a well known Hughestown resident, being at present a member of the town council of that borough.

## RATS CAUSE A FIRE.

New York, Oct. 28.—The plant of the Chapot Chamois company at Plainfield, N. 4., was swept by fire today and the loss is placed at \$75,000, with an insurance of \$60,000. Rata among matches is given as the cause. Rata

# **BRYAN STILL FOR SILVER**

He Tells an Audience at Gooper Union, New York, That He Still Gherishes the Old Faith.

# CONVICTIONS

The Subject Generally Avoided in New York Is Referred to at a Meeting of German-Americans-After the Emphatic Declaration in Favor of Debased Currency the Speaker Quickly Switches the Current of Eloquency to the "Paramount Issue" and the Usual Condemnation of Republicanism.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 28 .- Mr. Bryan, on the platform of Cooper Union, last night again proclaimed himself a free silver advocate. He had to speak to several thousand German-Americans. with whom the hall was crowded, and, having stirred them to a high pitch of excitement by a tirade against imperialism, he opened his heart on the silver question. On his last visit here Mr. Bryan was absolutely silent on this issue.

Tammany cheerers carried the applause along, but many of his auditors could only shake their heads. The free silver proclamation came like a streak of lightning out of a clear sky, because Mr. Bryan uttered it of his own will, and without being questioned by sharp-witted college students, as he was when forced to a similar declaration in Ithaca.

#### Reference to Silver.

In the course of his speech Mr. Bryan said

If the Republican tells me the Democratic Germans left the Democratic party to save the gold standard, I reply that they have come back to save the Declaration of Independence I have made no attempt to conceal in a fish pound net and the oarsman my views on the money question. could neither force the boat ahead or (Applause.) I would be unworthy go back. The children became fright- of your confidence, I would be unworthy of your support for any office if my opinions could be changed to suit an occasion or to win a vote. If I would surrender my convictions on the money question in order to on the Army question an imperialism after I got to be Presi-

> Here the silver orator saw a blank look come over the faces of some of his

hearers and quickly added; "But, my friends, while my views are known on the money question, I believe that questions of government are more important than questions of money. I believe that it is more important that we shall have a republic than that we shall have any particular kind of money standard. In 1892 we discussed the tariff question, we believed that a tariff law modified was better than a high tariff and we made a fight. In 1896 the money question had become more important than the tariff question, for any money question is more important than a question of taxation, and after the money question was framed we discussed the money question, but in the last four years the Republican party has thrust into the arena of politics a question which reaches deeper, higher, further than any question which the American people have considered in a generation. The Republicans have attacked the doctrine that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. All history presents but two ideas of government; one is that a government comes up from the people, and the other is that which issues from the cannon's mouth. Those are the only two ideas of government ever known among men. For if you tell me that the doctrine that kings rule by right divine is another doctrine, I tell you that it belongs to the doctrine of force, for no king can ever rule by divine right unless he has a bigger army than the other man."

#### **NOTICES ARE NOW NEARLY ALL POSTED**

Coal Companies Will Grant the Ten Per Cent. Increase-President Mitchell Visits Pittston.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 28.-All the coal companies in the Wyoming region, with a few exceptions, have now posted notices granting their employes the 10 per cent. increase asked for by the Scranton convention. The exceptions are a few individual operators who do not employ many hands. But it is said that when the men employed at these collieries report for work tomorrow they will be told that will receive the same wages paid by the other companies. The Kingston Coal company had notices posted today granting the increase. This company employs 2,200 men was the last of the bid individual concerns in the valley to grant the increase.

The officials of the Susquehanna company had a conference with their employes Saturday night and agreed to pay them the advance.

President Mitchell and the executive board of the United Mine Workers visited Pittston this afternoon. They were received by a large crowd and there was the greatest enthusiasm. Addresses were made by President Mitchell, Fred Dilcher and others in an open lot. Mr. Mitchell told all the miners to go to work tomorrow. He also congratulated them on their good behavior during the strike.

#### THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today,

GENERALLY FAIR.

- General-Fighting Continues in China. Boers Again Are Active. White Man in Command. Biyan Still for Silver.
- General-Northeastern Pennsylvania News, Sherin's Proclamation.
- Local-Dangers of the Christian, Eight Collieries May Not Work.
- Editorial. News and Comment,
- Local-United After Many Years.
- Observance of the Sabbath Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- Round About the County. Local-High School Defeats Keystone at Foot Industrial Jottings.

# **GAVELIS FOUND DEAD** ON RAILROAD TRACK

Coroner Found Three Wounds on the Head That Might Have Been Made with an Axe.

At 1 o'clock Saturday morning the dead body of Simon Gavelis, of 1423 Nay Aug avenue, was found on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad tracks about four hundred feet from the switchman's shanty at the Brisbin breaker. The nature of the man's injuries, revealed at the coroner's autopsy, leads to the suspicion that he was murdered.

The wounds indicate that the man was struck on the head with an axe and that then the body was placed on the railroad tracks to cover up the crime. Switchman Filer and Conductor Price saw the body and had it removed by Undertaker D. D. Jones.

Coroner Roberts was summoned and make a post-mortem examination. Directly over the left eye there is a long fracture, between two and three inches in length, which caused a severe depression in the skull. There is another similar fracture on the back of the head and a third behind the right ear. The skull was also fractured at the base of the brain and several blood clots were found in the brain, showing that Gavelis was the letim of a terrible assault.

Either one of these fractures was death. There was not a scratch on the body and the man's clothes were free from dirt. He was not struck by a train.

Gavelis attended a wedding Friday is countrymen. The ceremony oc curred at the home of the dead man's brother on Elizabeth street, near the Brisbin mine. Some of the men drank to excess and quarreled. Gavelis was quite drunk.

When it was apparent that he would get in trouble. Michael Gavells, a brother of Simon, persuaded him to go home. He remonstrated with his brother, but left the house. When Simon, with four or five of his countrymen. reached a point some distance from the house, he refused to go any further and said he would return to the scene of the wedding. His companions

The idea of robbery is scouted by the dead man's brother, although the linings in his vest pockets were torn and no money was found on the body Gavelis was 30 years of age, married, five feet three inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds. He was a native of Russia and had only been in this

country about eight months. coroner empanelled a jury com posed of Charles Hemming, J. F. Mc-Donough, W. G. Moser, W. R. Hughes, Joseph T. Powell and P. J. Lynett and, after viewing the remains, decided to hold an inquest later. County Detective Leyshon began work on the case on Saturday and late that night caused the arrest of John Yearsavitch, who was one of the men who quarreled with Gavelis. He was locked up in the North

Scranton police station and at 10 o'clock yesterday morning was given a hearing before Alderman Myers. There was not sufficient evidence to old him and he was discharged. When Detective Leyshon visited the place yesterday where the body was found he discovered there a pool of

blood, and from a statement obtained from Conductor Price, who discovered the body, he is led to believe that the man was struck by an engine At the hearing before Alderman Myers the friends of the dead man

made contradictory statements, denied assertions which they made to Detective Leyshon on Saturday. Coroner Roberts will hold the inquest in the case tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the arbitration room of the court house, when the mystery

## SAYS IT'S PERSECUTION.

will probably be unraveled.

E. E. Roberts Is Arrested by Correspondence School's Agent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 28.-E. E. local branch of the American Correspondence school, of Boston, was arrested late last night, on a charge of \*mbezzlement, preferred by Norman Foster, manager of the Eric, Pa. of the Scranton School of Correspondence, which employed Roberts for about a year. It is claimed there shortage in his accounts. Roberts declares his arrest to be

#### case of persecution. TWENTY CARS SMASHED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrsburg, Oct. 28.—One of the most disastrou freight wrecks in years occurred at Duncannon, on the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad today. Twenty cars were completely de-molished and the roadbed badly damaged. Pas-senger traffic was delayed over six hours. A broken axie caused the wreck. Nobody was

# **BOERS AGAIN** ARE ACTIVE

A Large Force Surrounds the Pa trol of Gape Police and a Sharp Fight Follows.

#### ROBERTS' RETURN URGEI

The Government's South Africas Policy Severely Criticised in London-An Increase in the Army Is Called for and It Is Urged That Lord Kitchener Be Allowed to Quell the Disturbing Elements in His Own Way.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Oct. 29 .- According to a dispatch from Cape Town to the Daily, Mail, a force of Boers attacked and surrounded a patrol of Cape police, with a convoy, near Hoopstad, Orange river colony, last Wednesday, and a

sharp fight ensued. "The police," says the correspondent, "were compelled to abandon two Maxims. Ultimately, reinforced by the yeomanry, they succeeded in getting away with the convoy; but they lost seven killed, eleven wounded and fif-teen captured. The colonials were outnumbered ten to one, and the engage-

ment lasted for two hours. "The Boers have 15,000-men in the field, nearly half of whom are in Orange river colony. They are divided into commandoes of some 300 each, but are capable of combination for large

operations." The military journals are greatly exasperated by the recrudescence of Boer activity in South Africa. The Broad Arrow does not hesitate to say that Lord Roberts' departure has been delayed too long to permit of a speedy settlement, and that his method of dealing with the insurgents does more honor to his heart than to his head. The Jacobsdal affair has been the last straw, and military men now blurt out their impatience over the employment of a field marshal and an immense army for the suppression of brigandage and for other police work, and assert that Lord Roberts can gain no sufficient to have caused the man's further distinction in South Africa, and that Lord Kitchener should be allowed a free hand and the means for operating with energy and mobility in the disturbed districts.

The same authorities are opening night and quarreled with several of their eyes to the truth that the presrequired in South Africa for a long time. Raiding and armed resistance are in progress simultaneously at a dozen points long distances apart, and there will be great risk in releasing the 16,000 Boer prisoners now under guard, since there can be no guarantee that they will not reinforce the raiders and have access to secret stores of arms and ammunition. The point now made by military experts is that there will be concurrent necessity for maintaining a large army in South Africa and for organizing another great force for foreign emergencies went on and that was the last seen of him alive. They hold that the attitude, not of the French government, but of a large section of the French people, is hostile to England. and that it is actually necessary that the British army should be strengthed and rendered more efficient. There is considerable Chauvinism even in staid and sober England when these dangers of foreign hostilities are made the basis for demands that the military establishment should be increased by 50,000 men.

#### PITTSBURG'S LATEST **MURDER MYSTERY**

Body of Young Woman Found Floatin the River-The Coroner Investigates.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Oct. 28.-The mystery connected with the finding of the body of Miss Emma Seghmeyer floating in the Ohio river opposite Glenfield yesterday, deepens as investigation proceeds. Miss Seghmeyer, who was 28 years of age and of good family, left the home of her mother at Glenfield on Oct. 19, to visit an aunt at Sewickley. The mother supposing her daughter was with the aunt, suspected nothing wrong until the body was found. She says there was no known cause why her daughter should suicide. She was a faithful member of church, engaged to be married and apparently very

heppy. Foul play in the case is indicated by the fact that the body of the young woman was found in the water on the opposite side of the river from her home, while the stage of the water since her disappearance has been so lew that it would be almost impossible for the current to carry the body across the stream. In addition the face and head of the victim was badly battered, so much so that the men who took the corpse from the river failed to recognize her, though they had been acquainted with her for The coroner is making YOURS.

#### searching investigation. FATAL LTUOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Paris. Oct. 28.-Comte Caben D'Auverse, well known figure in Parisian society, was killed today in an automobile accident near Mexic

#### . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Oct. 28.-Forecast Washington, Oct.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair
Monday: Tucsday probably rain; fresh
northeasterly winds. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*